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Diary of John Peake

A SOLDIER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WHO LATER SETTLED
IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Introduction and Notes by Harold F. Crookes.

So far as is actually known at the present writing, the ancestry of John Peake, the subject of this sketch, cannot be traced beyond 1650. In the will of William Peake of Truro Parish, Fairfax County, Virginia, dated January 11th, 1761, and proved February 16, 1761, he speaks of lands bought by his father and grandfather in Stafford, Prince William and Fairfax counties, Virginia, which approximately would bring the time to the first named early date. In this will he mentions five children, the eldest of whom was John. John Peake of Fairfax County, planter and landholder, married Mary, and had seven children, second of whom was John Peake, the Revolutionary War soldier.

Of him very little is known. He was born on his father's plantation in Truro Parish on the banks of the Little Hunting Creek, December 28, 1756. Without doubt he studied law, for in 1808 his name is found affixed in the capacity of attorney to sundry court records in Nelson County, Kentucky.

In the early part of 1776, twenty-six companies of cavalry were organized in Virginia, called the "Virginia Horse." Henry Lee was given command of a troop composed of fifty-two men, among whom were the brothers, William Peake, quartermaster sergeant, and John Peake, trooper. Washington, in a letter to Congress, August 30, 1776, writes, "This minute twenty-four British prisoners arrived, taken yesterday by Captain Lee of the Light-Horse." This company was the Fifth troop of the First regiment of Light Dragoons of

the Virginia Establishment, the whole being in command of Col. Theodorick Bland. The regiment joined Washington's command in New Jersey, April, 1777, and in August of that year it was with the main army in Delaware, watching the movements of the British. It was actively engaged in the Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777. At the Battle of Germantown, Washington ordered Lee with his troop to act as his body-guard, a distinction of no ordinary kind, when we consider the remarkable sagacity of Washington in the choice of persons to whom he trusted any duty of an important nature. The company spent the winter at Valley Forge. William Peake was a member of the expedition against Paulus Hook when "Light Horse Harry's" troop captured the British garrison of nearly two hundred; he was wounded in the head, but continued in the service and participated in the battles of Guilford Court House and Eutaw Springs, during which battle he was so seriously wounded in both head and arms as to prevent further participation in the war, and resigned February 28, 1779. He died in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, August 16, 1816.

When Col. Bland's regiment was transferred to General Washington's command, John Peake, who had enlisted in "Light Horse Harry's" troop in Fauquier County, found that his first enlistment for six months had expired, so as he desired to remain in Virginia, he re-enlisted September, 1777, for a term of three months in Captain Benjamin Harrison's company of Major Martin Pickett's command, the Thirteenth Regiment of the Virginia line. His health was effected by the rigors of a winter campaign and at the expiration of his second enlistment, January, 1778, he did not re-enlist, but retired to recuperate.

Trace of him is lost for the next thirty years and it is not until 1808 that the writer finds his name on court records in Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky. According to a niece of his, Lucy Peake Pride, who died in 1899, he never married, but made a home in Bardstown for his sisters, Mary and Sarah Peake, spinsters. Following their death, prior to 1837, he came to Salisbury, Sangamon County, Illinois, to visit his brother

Thomas, who had married in Virginia, Sarah Moss, (daughter to Abednego and Hannah (Moss) Adams of Fairfax County, Virginia), and in 1825 emigrated to South Union, Logan County, Kentucky, and from there on to Springfield, Illinois, which place they reached November 30, 1830, the "winter of the deep snow." With his brother he found a pleasant home, companionable people, and an audience ever ready to listen to his stories of the Revolution. He died in Salisbury, December 21, 1841, aged 85 years, and was buried in the old Salisbury burying ground, where his grave can still be seen. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Oliver of the Methodist church from I Corr. 15:57.

Among the personal effects of the late Margaret (Peake) Goodman, a niece of John Peake, was found a diary of his for the year 1837. The writing is remarkably clear and unfaded and while valuable for little else than the names of persons therein mentioned, and the insight given of the religious spirit of the time, it is said to be the only diary of a Revolutionary War soldier buried in Illinois known to be extant. This alone enhances its worth. It is appended herewith, and following it are biographical notes on the persons therein mentioned.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

I. S. C.—S. File 32,439. Rev. War.

Washington, D. C., May 13, 1915.

Mr. H. F. Crookes, 1009 S. Kenilworth Ave.,
Oak Park, Illinois.

Sir:—In reply to your request of May 6, received May 10, for a statement of the military history of John Peake, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his application for pension on file in this Bureau.

Dates of Enlistment or Appointment—1776 or 1777. Sept. 1777.

Length of Service—6 months; 3 months.

Rank—Private.

Officers under whom Service was Rendered—Captain Henry Lee's Company of Dragoons; Captain Benjamin Harrison; Major Martin Pickett.

State—Virginia.

Battles engaged in,

Residence of Soldier at Enlistment—Fauquier County, Virginia.

Date of Application for Pension—December 2, 1833. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of Application—Logan County, Kentucky.

Age at date of application—Born in 1756 in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Remarks: In 1837 he resided in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER,

Commissioner.

6-2856.

DATA FROM PENSION DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOHN PEAKE.

He enlisted in Captain Henry Lee's company of Dragoons in Dumfries, Prince William County, Virginia; was stationed there throughout his service for six months. Was taken sick and disqualified for service; discharged by Captain Lee. John Bellfield was a lieutenant and Henry Peyton a cornet in the same troop. In September, 1777, having recovered his health, he volunteered in a company of militia in Fauquier County for three months' service, Captain Benjamin Harrison, Captain; John Hathway, lieutenant. They rendezvoused at Fauquier Court House and there placed in a battalion or regiment commanded by Major Martin Pickett. On September 6, 1777, he marched for headquarters of General Washington, then in the

neighborhood of Germantown. On the march they met an express, who gave them an account of the battle of the Brandywine and they reached camp at headquarters the day after the battle of Germantown. At the end of the three months' enlistment he returned with Major Pickett to Fauquier County. He was a resident of the said Fauquier County.

Henry Lee was not a Continental until March 31st, 1777.

His certificate of character was signed by John Littlejohn, a clergyman, and Arthur Slaughter, of Logan County, Kentucky.

An affidavit of Sally Peake, a sister, was attached. January 1, 1834, Logan County, Kentucky. He had a written discharge from Captain Lee, which was lost. He partially recovered his health and enlisted in Pickett's company, after three months in the Continental Army he returned and was very sick and under the doctor's care for several weeks. Signed—Sally Peake.

COPY OF THE DIARY OF JOHN PEAKE, THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER.

(Original in possession of Harold F. Crookes.)

1837. Sunday, January 1st. I went to Mr. Carter's¹ to a quarterly meeting and heard Mr. Cartwright² preach from Luke 1st and 33, enjoyed the happy privilege of partaking the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Holy Supper and returned to Mr. Carter's Supped and lodged.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5th. I devoted to writing, breakfasted and supped every day.

NOTES IN REGARD TO PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE DIARY.

It is impossible to say positively who the pioneer preachers mentioned are, but the men mentioned in the notes were noted pioneer preachers and were preaching in Sangamon County and Central Illinois at the time the diary was written (1837).

Note 1. William Brown Carter of Fairfax County, Virginia, married Mary Adams Peake, a daughter of Thomas Peake, who was born in Virginia, October 27th, 1801, and died April 16th, 1843, at Salisbury, Illinois. There were nine children born of this union.

Note 2. Peter Cartwright, the famous pioneer preacher.

Friday 6th. I return to my Brother³.

Saturday 7th.

Sunday 8th. I devoted to reading and devotional exercises it snowed on Sunday night.

Monday, January 9th. Tuesday 10th. Wednesday 11th. Thursday 12th and Friday 13th. I devoted to reading.

Saturday 14th. I went to Mr. Goodman's⁴ where I dined and returned in the evening, I this day received a letter from my dear Sister.

Sunday 15th. I heard Mr. Tally preach from Matthew 16 and 18 and Mr. ⁵Berry from proverbs 14:32 v's. and devoted the evening to reading, etc., it snowed in the night.

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, and Saturday 20th. I devoted principally to reading and writing, on Wednesday I wrote to my Dear Sister, it rained in the night and snowed on Friday, on which day I heard Mr. ⁶Williams preach from Prov. 22 and 2nd and in the evening heard Mr. Destame preach from Gal. 4th and 7th.

Sunday 22nd. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th I devoted to reading and writing, it snowed on Friday night.

Note 3. Thomas Peake, a brother of John Peake was born May 28th, 1767, in Fairfax County, and died February 21st, 1843 at Salisbury, where he was buried.

Note 4. John Goodman lived near Richland, Illinois and married Ann Louisa Peake, a daughter of Thomas Peake, August 8th, 1835, in Springfield. She was his second wife and by her he had three children. She died September 20th, 1840, and was buried in the old Sackett burying ground just south of Salisbury, Illinois. Nothing is known of his antecedents. He was of Penn-Dutch extraction and signed his name Johann Gudman as well as John Goodman. His first wife is thought to have been _____ Henderson. By her he had George Henderson Goodman, who married Margaret Ann Peake, a sister of Ann Louisa Peake and daughter of Thomas Peake. He died September 10th, 1842.

Note 5. John M. Berry. John M. Berry, Cumberland Presbyterian preacher. (History Menard and Mason Counties, p. 232-3, O. L. Baskin & Co., Chicago, 1879.)

Note 6. Abel L. Williams, born in North Carolina, January 30, 1786. Prominent preacher in Eastern Illinois. Died near Newman, Douglas County, Illinois, February 15, 1881, in his ninety-sixth year. (Leaton's Methodism in Illinois, pp. 266-267.

Sunday 29th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st. I devoted to reading and writing and up at Mr. Clements.

Wednesday, February 1st, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th. I devoted to reading and writing, and on Friday heard Mr. Trotter preach from 2nd. Cor: 4th and 6th.

Sunday 5th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 6th., Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th. I devoted to reading and writing. I supped and lodged at Mr. Goodman's on Thursday night. It snowed on Tuesday night.

Sunday 12th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th. I devoted to reading and writing. It snowed on Tuesday.

Sunday 19th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises. It rained in the night.

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th. I devoted to reading and writing.

Sunday 25th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 27th, Tuesday 28, Wednesday, March 1st, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th. I devoted principally to reading and writing. It snowed on Monday and on

Note 7. William David Rice Trotter. Born in Glasgow, Kentucky, March 17, 1807. Died Jacksonville, Illinois, July 25, 1880. Came to Illinois in 1830. Was that year received into the conference and assigned to Apple Creek Circuit. In 1831 was appointed to Lebanon. In 1832 was appointed to Blue River Mission; in 1834 was a teacher in Pleasant Plains Academy; in 1835 was sent to Rushville Station, and in 1836 to Sangamon Circuit. In 1837 and 1838 was on the superannuated list, spending the first of these years in teaching at Spring Creek in Sangamon County and the second year in the Ebenezer Manual Labor School near Jacksonville, Illinois.

He preached at most of the important places in Illinois, was also engaged in educational work. In 1852 was one of the editors of the *Central Christian Advocate*, published at St. Louis. In 1871, was placed on the superannuated list on which he remained until his death in Jacksonville, Illinois, July 25, 1880. (Leaton's *Methodism in Illinois*, pp. 364-367.)

Wednesday night, and on Friday I heard Mr. Trotter preach from 1st Thes. 1st and 5th.

Sunday, March 5th. I devoted the day to reading and other exercises of devotion.

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th. I devoted to reading and assisting my brother in getting wood. It snowed on Wednesday.

Sunday 12th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th. I devoted principally to reading. On Thursday I heard Mr. Williams preach from proverbs 3rd and 35th. It snowed on Tuesday night. On Saturday evening I heard Mr. Tally preach from Matthew 6th and 16th.

Sunday, March 19th. I heard Mr. Dillard preach from Matthew 5th and 14th and Mr. Tally from John 7th and 34th.

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th. I devoted principally to reading and writing. On Monday evening I heard Mr. Smith^s preach from prov. 5th and 35th. It rained in the night and snowed on Saturday night.

Sunday 26th. I heard Mr. Smith^s preach from —.

Note 8-A. John Smith. There were two Methodist preachers in Central Illinois at this period by the name of Smith, either of whom might have been preaching in Sangamon County at the time mentioned in the Diary.

John Smith was by birth a Virginian, a local preacher and doctor and came to Springfield in 1832, formed a partnership with Dr. Todd. He afterwards removed to Carlinville, where he also practiced medicine with Dr. Jayne and thence to Edwardsville, Illinois, where he died. He was a good preacher, a natural orator of fine education, neat in his personal appearance, a faithful Christian, quite active for many years as a local preacher and a man of influence in the community in which he lived. One of his daughters married Rev. L. L. Harlan of Macoupin County. (Leaton's Methodism in Illinois. p. 98.)

Note 8-B. William H. Smith was a native of Georgia, born in 1796. Removed to White County, Illinois, licensed to preach, and recommended to the Missouri Conference in 1822 and received his appointment as junior preacher to the circuit in which he lived.

In 1824 was in the Illinois Conference. In 1830 in the Paris circuit, which included Edgar, Coles and Clark counties, in Illinois, and Vigo and Vermillion counties in Indiana. His death occurred at Green Castle, Indiana, September 28, 1878. (Leaton's Methodism in Illinois, pp. 186-187.

Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th, Friday 31st and Saturday, April 1st. I devoted principally to reading and writing, on Monday I wrote to my Dear Sister. It snowed A. M. and likewise on Wednesday night and Thursday night. Thursday I heard Mr. Trotter preach from 2nd. Cor. 4th and 6th and lodged ye same night at Mr. Goodman's where I dined on Friday on which day it snowed and rained in ye forenoon.

Sunday, April 2nd. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th. I devoted partly to reading and writing. On Friday evening I went to Mr. Goodman's where I supped and lodged. It snowed the principal part of the day and night, on Saturday morning after breakfast I returned to my brother's and devoted part of the day to reading and writing and other devotional exercises. It snowed in the night.

Monday, April 10th, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th. I devoted principally to reading.

Friday 14th. I commenced gardening, which day and Saturday 15th I devoted to sowing and planting vegetables.

Sunday 16th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises. It rained in the night.

Monday 17th. I devoted to reading.

Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st. I devoted to reading, writing and planting corn and vegetables. It rained on Wednesday night.

Saturday 22nd. I devoted to reading and planting vegetables. It rained and snowed in the night.

Sunday 23rd. I devoted to reading and devotional exercises.

Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th. I devoted principally

to reading and writing. On Saturday I heard Mr. ^oSpringer preach from Luke 19th and 10th and in the evening heard Mr. Trotter preach from 1st. John 3rd and 1st.

Sunday 30th. Mr. Springer preached from Mark 8th and 36th and Mr. Cartwright from James 1st and 2nd.

Monday, May 1st. I devoted partly to reading.

Tuesday 2nd. I rode near or upwards of 8 miles to Mr. Carter's where I dined, supped and lodged. It rained part of the day.

Wednesday 3rd. After breakfast I rode 6 miles to Springfield where I transacted some business and dined at Mr. Clements' and in the afternoon returned to Mr. Carter's. Supped and lodged, it rained in the night.

Thursday 4th. After breakfast I returned to Salisbury, and devoted part of the afternoon to reading and wrote to my Dear Sister.

Friday 5th and Saturday 6th. I devoted to reading and on Saturday planted some sweet potatoes.

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. I devoted to reading, etc. It rained on Monday and on Thursday night.

Friday 12th and Saturday 13th. I devoted to planting corn and vegetables. It rained in the night. On Friday I heard Mr. Trotter preach from Col. 3rd and 1st.

Sunday, May 14th. I devoted the day to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th. I devoted to reading and cutting wood.

Note 9. Levi Springer. Levi Springer removed from Indiana to Illinois in the fall of 1823. He travelled with his wife on horseback. They slept two nights on the open prairie with no protection save their blanket, while the wolves were howling around them. They settled in what is now Cass County, a short distance from Virginia. Mr. Springer united with the Conference this year, and was appointed to Apple Creek Circuit. In 1832 he was sent to Salt Creek; in 1833 to Fort Edwards Mission and in 1834 to Carlinville. The next two years he was on Pecan Mission, and in 1837 on Athens Circuit. (Leaton's Methodism in Illinois, p. 394.

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th. I devoted to reading, writing and planting vegetables it snowed on Tuesday and rained on Wednesday.

Sunday 21st. I devoted to reading and other exercises of devotion.

Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th. I devoted to reading and planting sweet potatoes and replanting corn. It rained Wednesday night and part of Thursday. On which day William and his wife came from Virginia¹⁰.

Friday 26th. I heard Mr. Williams preach from Col. 3rd and 1st and devoted part of the day and Saturday 27th to reading and planting corn, etc.

Sunday 28th. I devoted the day to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st and Thursday, June 1st and Friday 2nd. I devoted to reading and writing. It rained on Tuesday and Thursday night and Friday and Saturday I devoted to reading, writing and working in the garden.

Sunday 4th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th. I was engaged in reading and working in the garden and on Saturday I wrote to my Dear Sister on Friday I received a letter from her and heard Mr. Trotter preach from Heb; 4th and 16th. It rained on Saturday night last, and on Monday and Tuesday.

Sunday 11th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th. I devoted to reading and working in the garden.

Note 10. William Brown Peake. Mention is made of William and his wife arriving from Virginia. This is William Brown Peake, a son of Thomas Peake. He was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, April 6th, 1803, married Jane E. Powell of the same county, and died at Petersburg, Illinois, April 1st, 1884.

Sunday 18th. I devoted to reading and other exercises of devotion. It rained in the night.

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th. I devoted to reading and working in the garden. It rained on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Sunday 25th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th. I devoted to reading and working in the garden. It rained Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the night.

Saturday, July 1st. I devoted to reading and working in the garden.

Sunday, July 2nd. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th. I devoted to reading, writing and working in the garden. I heard Mr. _____ preach from John 3rd and 14th. It rained on Thursday and Friday night.

Saturday 8th. I devoted part of the day to reading and writing.

Sunday 9th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises, and heard Mr. ¹¹Antle preach from Acts 3rd and 29th. It rained on Saturday night.

Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th. I devoted to reading, writing and working in the garden.

Thursday 13th. I rode 11 miles to Springfield and returned in the afternoon.

Friday 14th and Saturday 15th. I devoted partly to reading and working in the garden.

Sunday 16th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Note 11. John Antle.. Probably Rev. John Antle, a pioneer Baptist preacher who organized a Baptist church in 1835 at Baker's Prairie, two or three miles east of the present city of Petersburg, Illinois, now in Menard County, then a part of Sangamon County. (History Menard and Mason Counties, Illinois. O. L. Baskin & Co., Chicago, 1879. p. 292.

Monday, July 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd. I devoted principally to reading. It rained Tuesday p. m.

Sunday 23. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 24th. I devoted part of the day to reading, dined and lodged at Mr. Goodman's.

Tuesday 25th. I devoted part of the day to reading and writing and breakfasted and dined at Mr. Goodman's.

Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th. I devoted principally to reading and writing and on Wednesday I dined, and on Friday I dined, Supp'd and lodged at Mr. Goodman's.

Sunday 30th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises. It rained part of the day.

Monday 31st, Tuesday, August 1st and Wednesday 2nd. I devoted to reading and writing to my Dear Sister. It rained on Wednesday.

Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th. I devoted principally to reading and writing.

Sunday 6th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th, Friday 11th. I devoted principally to reading and domestick business.

Saturday, August 12. I heard Mr. Dillard preach from Acts 26th and 27th and Mr. Tanihill from Isaiah 60th and 20th.

Sunday 13th. I heard Mr. An—— preach from Rev. 22, 1st and 2nd.

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th. I devoted principally to reading and writing. ¹²Lucy Peake was married on Thurs-

Note 12. Lucy Catharine Peake, daughter of Thomas Peake, born in Loudoun County, Virginia, June 26th, 1816, married August 17th, 1837, by the Rev. Dr. Earley to William T. (son of Job and Rachel Pride). She died July 7th, 1899, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. Mr. Pride was actively engaged in business as a merchant in Springfield, up to the time of his death, September 13th, 1856. She had seven children born of her union to Mr. Pride.

day to Mr. William T. Pride, it rained Tuesday night, on Thursday and on Saturday, on Thursday night I lodged at Mr. Goodman's and on Friday breakfasted at the above mentioned place.

Sunday 20th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises. It rained part of the day.

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th. I devoted to reading, writing and assisting my brother in getting wood. It rained on Thursday night and Friday morning and on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Sunday 27th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st and Friday, September 1st and Saturday 2nd. I devoted to reading and business of a domestick nature. It rained on Tuesday night and part of Wednesday.

Sunday 3rd. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th. I devoted to reading and cutting wood. It rained Monday night and on Tuesday and Thursday.

Saturday 9th. I rode about 8 miles and received a letter from my Dear Sister. Devoted part of the day to reading.

Sunday 10th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th. I devoted to reading, writing and getting fodder, on Thursday I wrote to my Dear Sister and William Slaughter¹³.

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th. I devoted to reading and business of a domestick nature. It rained on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Sunday 17th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Note 13. William Slaughter married ——— Peake, a sister of John Peake, and is supposed to have lived in Nelson County, Kentucky, and to have had a daughter Sallie, who never married. More of him is not known, either by the Slaughter family or the writer.

Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd. I devoted to reading, writing, getting fodder and cutting wood, on Wednesday I dined at Mr. Goodman's and lodged the same night and breakfasted on Thursday morning and on Saturday morning, it rained on Thursday night.

Sunday, September 24th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th, Friday 29th. I devoted to reading and writing and getting fodder, and cutting wood, on Thursday I dined at Mr. Goodman's. It rained on Monday night and on Tuesday, and Friday and in the night.

Sunday, October 1st. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th. I devoted principally to reading.

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th. I was very much indisposed, and took medicine each day.

Sunday 8th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th, and Saturday 14th. I devoted principally to reading and writing, my indisposition continues, but I desire to praise my mercifull and Heavenly Father that it has in a small measure abated. It rained on Tuesday night and Wednesday night and the principal part of Thursday and Thursday night.

Sunday, October 15th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st. I devoted to reading, writing, cutting wood, etc. It rained on Thursday night.

Sunday 22nd. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises. It rained in the night.

Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th. I devoted to reading and cutting wood, etc. It snowed on Thursday.

Saturday, October 28th. I breakfasted at Mr. Goodman's and rode near or upwards of 20 miles to the house of my nephew, Wm. L. Fowke¹⁴ where I had the pleasure of meeting with a welcome reception from himself and family.

Sunday 29th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st, Wednesday, November 1st, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th. I devoted principally to reading except riding on Thursday 4 miles to Springfield, dined at Mr. Saunders¹⁵ and returned. It rained on Saturday night.

Sunday, November 5th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th. I devoted to reading and writing. It rained on Thursday night and part of Friday.

Sunday 12th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th. I devoted to reading and writing. It rained on Saturday and in the night.

Sunday 19th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 20th. I rode 4 miles to Springfield and transacted some business. Dined at Mr. Saunders and returned P. M.

Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd. I devoted to reading and cutting wood.

Note 14. William L. Fowkes, born January 17, 1793, in Loudoun County, Virginia, was the son of William and _____ (Peake) Fowkes, of Loudoun County. He married there July 20th, 1813 Margaret Saunders, who was born in the same county, March 1st, 1788. He served in the War of 1812, moved to Warren County, Kentucky, in 1817, then to Sangamon County, Illinois, October 1826. In the Spring of 1831, he moved four miles northeast of Springfield to German Prairie. He had issue seven children; and died November 26th, 1864. His mother was a younger sister of John Peake.

Note 15. Probably Gunnell Saunders, a pioneer settler of Sangamon County, born Loudoun County, Virginia, July 27, 1783. Came from Kentucky to Sangamon County, Illinois, May 1828. (Powers History of Sangamon County, p. 637.)

Friday 24th. Mr. Hadley¹⁶ came and I heard him preach from psalm 62nd and 5th and devoted the day principally to reading.

Saturday 25th. I rode 15 miles to Mr. Goodman's where I arrived in the evening and lodged and supped.

Sunday 26th. I went to my brothers, devoted part of the day to reading and in the evening returned to Mr. Goodman's and lodged.

Monday, November 27th. After breakfast I rode 11 miles to Springfield. Dined at Mr. Saunder's, and rode 4 miles to Wm. Fowke's. It rained in the night.

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th. Thursday 30th, Friday, December 1st and Saturday 2nd. I devoted to reading and cutting wood, it rained on Thursday night and Friday night.

Sunday 3rd. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises.

Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th. I devoted to reading, writing and cutting wood. On Friday Mr. Rutledge came and preached from psalm 40th and 1st, 2nd and 3rd verses. It snowed on Saturday p. m. and in the night.

Sunday 10th. Mr. Luckett came and preached from John 3rd and 14th. I devoted the day to Spiritual exercises.

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th. I devoted to reading, etc. It snowed Friday and rained on Saturday.

Sunday 17th. I devoted to reading and other devotional exercises. It snowed in the night.

Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd. I devoted to reading,

Note 16. James Hadley. Traveled in succession the Vermilion, Kaskaskia, Wabash, Carlisle, Petersburg, Greencastle, Washington, Fairfield, Alton, Quincy, Mt. Carmel, Sangamon, Shawneetown and Worcester Circuits. In 1840 was granted a superannuated relation, in which he continued for three years. Then he labored on the Greenville, Carlyle, Lebanon, and Waterloo circuits until 1847, when he was again placed on the superannuated list for a year. In 1848-49 he was on Edwardsville circuit and in 1850 at Illinoistown. In 1852 he was in the Southern conference, and was sent to Marion Circuit. The next year he was appointed to Collinsville Circuit as supernumerary, and in 1854 he was again on the superannuated list. In 1855 he was sent to Carlyle, the next year to Waterloo, and at the Conference of 1857, he was granted a location. He died a few years afterwards at his residence near Collinsville, Illinois. (Leaton's Methodism in Illinois, pp. 237-238.)

cutting wood, etc. On Thursday evening Mr. Hadley¹⁶ came and preached from Galations 5th and 1st and on Friday he preached from Colosions 4th, 1st and including the 4th verse.

Sunday 24th. Mr. Luckett came and preached from John 3rd and 7th.

Monday 25th, Christmas day, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th. I devoted principally to reading. On Thursday I arrived at the age of four-score years and one.

Sunday 31st. I devoted to reading and other spiritual exercises.